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CRITICIZE FREIGHT CAR SITUATION -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 18 Jan 53

Approximately 1,500 to 2,000 freight cars remain idle within the Reichsbahn Directorate Erfurt. This announcement was made by the President of Reichsbahn Directorate Erfurt, Fischer, at a conference with representatives of the shipping industry.

COMPLETE CENTRALIZED TRAFFIC CONTROL UNITS -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 22 Apr 53

A centralized traffic control tower with two centralized traffic control panels was put in operation on 19 April 1953 in the Dresden Hauptbahnhof (Main Station). This completes the reconstruction of signal installations at the Dresden Hauptbahnhof, and is the first step toward complete automatic control of the Berlin-Dresden-Schoena line.

COMPLETE FREIGHTER -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 13 Mar 53

The fourth 3,000-ton freighter has been completed at the People-Owned Neptun Shipyard in Rostock. The vessel was launched on 12 March 1953.

ESTABLISH RAILROAD INSTITUTE -- Berlin, Der Verkehr, Feb 53

A railroad institute has been established in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It cooperates closely with similar Soviet institutes. It is to further railroad knowledge and technology through the application of the most modern and progressive methods.

BULGARIAN FREIGHT TRAFFIC INCREASED -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 23 Mar 53

Since the beginning of 1953, 3,192 above-norm trains have carried 863,798 above-norm tons of freight. In the same period in 1952 there were 2,446 above-norm trains, which carried 646,857 tons of freight above the norm. To date, a total of 1,023 freight trains have been dispatched from Plovdiv alone.

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